



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: THE USE OF MIXED DUPLEX OLIGONUCLEOTIDES TO EFFECT LOCALIZED GENETIC CHANGES IN PLANTS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This response is due on June 1, 2002 (Saturday) and may be timely filed on Monday, June 3, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 2, 8, 17, 19 and 20 as follows:

C/ 2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the recombinagenic oligonucleobase is a mixed duplex oligonucleotide (MDON) and each of the homologous regions contains an RNA segment of at least 6 RNA-type nucleotides.

CZ 8. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the adhering step is performed in a solution comprising 1.1-1.4 M NaCl and 18-22 μ M spermidine and at least 14 μ g/ml mixed duplex oligonucleotide (MDON).